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Important Phone Numbers

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| Police | 911 or 884-0080 |
| Billing Questions | 583-4944 |
| Clerk's Office | 583-0089 |
| Republic/Allied Waste | 477-9138 |
| Streets and Water | 583-3430 |

Councilmen

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| Kevin Burk | 404-1481 |
| Ron Shoup | 337-5876 |
| Dirk Studebaker | 574-551-2903 |
| Doyle Allison | 583-9481 |
| Mac McKinney | 583-2821 |

Calendar August 2015

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| 4th | Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM |
| 5th | Limb Pickup Begins |
| 5th | Trash & Recycle |
| 18th | Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM |
| 19th | Trash & Recycle |

Otterbein Prairie Community Center

Every Tuesday - 6:30 PM Euchre Night
Men & Women, any age, are Welcome



Previous issues of the newsletter can be downloaded
from our website



First Day of School for Students Tuesday, August 12

Reminding all drivers to watch for children walking to
school and waiting for buses. Please keep them safe by
following posted speed limits and other traffic signs



Dog Owners Please be advised

As per Otterbein Town Codes



90.18: *The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the prompt removal of any excreta deposited by his or her animal on public areas and on his or her own property and shall not permit defecation on private property other than his or her own. Penalties: \$50 to \$500.*

90.22: *Leash requirement. It shall be a violation for the owner of a dog to allow his or her dog to stray beyond his or her property or premises, unless the dog is on a leash or other restraint device. This prohibition does not require cats to be put on a leash or other restraint device. Penalties: \$100 to \$500.*

The Town of Otterbein, Water Department, will be doing their annual hydrant flushing. Beginning the 1st week of August, they will be exercising/flushing every hydrant in town. Unfortunately, in doing so, the water lines will be disturbed. In case your water becomes discolored, due to particles that have settled in the line. please allow your home's water to run a few minutes. If after doing so, your water is still discolored, please call Billy Walker Utility Superintendent at 583-3430



Yard of the Month!!

Presented by the Otterbein Rotary Club
July recipient—Robert Skinner

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015 6:00 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with all members present.

Ron Shoup made the motion to approve the June 2015 minutes as written. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor. Kevin Burk read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$89,808.52. With no questions, Ron Shoup made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor. The Council conducted the Hearing on Utility Disconnections. No residents were present to discuss. Dirk Studebaker made the motion to approve shut off for those on the Disconnect List. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

A resident was present complaining about animals waste in his yard by animals at large. He knows that the owners are responsible and is there anything that can be done. He is not sure whose animal it is. The Town will run the rules in the newsletter as a reminder and informed the resident if he can identify the owners then we can cite them for the violation.

Town Attorney Jud Barce recommended that due to the urgent need for the pumps at the WWT Plant that the Council suspend the rules and consider to moving forward in the Bond Anticipation Loan. Ron Shoup made the motion to suspend the rules. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor. Jud presented Ordinance 2015-0713 An Ordinance concerning the construction of additions and improvements to the sewage works of the Town of Otterbein, Indiana and the issuance of Revenue Bonds in one or more series to provide the cost thereof, the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of said works, the safeguarding of the interest of the owners of said Revenue Bonds, other matters connected therewith, including the issuance of notes in anticipation of bonds, and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith. Ron Shoup made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-0713 subject to the State Revolving Fund consent. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mike Turchi with BF&S informed the Council, regarding the Hydrant Project, the contractor F&K has satisfactorily completed the project and he recommends the release of their retainage account. Ron Shoup made the motion to release retainage to F&K. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor. Mike presented a draft of the preliminary WWT Plan he has been working on. He will bring it to the July 21, 2015 meeting with more details.

Ron Shoup brought up the topic of properties in town and what can we do about the junk sitting around some of the properties, including junk cars. The Council discussed this at great length and Jud will draft an ordinance for their review. Ron asked if the town can see about getting the streets swept before the Street Festival. Town Superintendent Seth Humphreys said it might be possible to contract with the Town of Fowler. Kevin Burk made the motion to have the streets swept before the festival and to try to contract with Fowler first and then if they can't then try the company that usually does it for us. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Council then began discussing the remainder of 2015 Budget and the 2016 Budget. Marshal George Frantz made his requests. He would like to replace the 2006 Dodge Charger. It has 85,000 miles and is having some issues. There will be a change in the radio re-banding which may require new radios. All the details haven't been released so he can't say how much that might cost. He is requesting one new portable radio. The Council will take his requests into consideration. Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles informed the Council that there is the new Public Safety Funds that would take care of his requests if they would like to use those.

Utility Superintendent Billy Walker presented a list of items he would like to see added to the utilities. He would like to increase the sludge removal budget by \$1,000; most of the items would fall within his normal budget and would not require any additional request for money; if the Council would approve the requests as they come up. Those items included a handheld DO meter, spare motor for the clarifiers, hydrant flow test kit, fire hydrant meter and a diffuser for flushing hydrants. He would like to see a stationary generator put in at the Water Plant, like the one at the Wastewater Plant. We currently have a mobile generator that has to be taken down to the plant if needed and manually started. The Council requested he get an estimated cost for a stationary generator.

Town Superintendent Seth Humphreys recommend reducing the 2015 Street Budget down and not do a fall Street project, and utilize the funds next year for a bigger street project for 2016. He will be making some street repairs in-house yet this year. He would request a full-time laborer to assist with the work load especially since they are doing more in-house. Seth advised that our trucks, backhoe and mowers should last us for some time yet. He would like to purchase a skid steer with a bucket, however understands that will take a year or so to work on funding for that type of equipment. In regards to small equipment he would like the town to invest in a leaf blower, a pull behind compressor with a jack hammer, a grade laser, concrete saw and cart and a jumping jack. Treeva and Seth are to get together and discuss what can come from the 2015 budget year and what can be budgeted for in 2016.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles just requested that her budgets stay the same. She is unaware of any need to increase her budgets for 2016.

The Council would like for Treeva to see if the budget for 2016 could support the purchase of a leaf vacuum; so that residents won't have to bag their leaves.

The Council was about to discuss the budget requests, when the tornado siren went off. The meeting was recessed at approximately 8:30 PM until Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM so that everyone could take cover.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015 AT 6:00 PM

Council President Kevin Burk re-opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with members Ron Shoup, Leon McKinney and Doyle Allison present. Councilman Dirk Studebaker was absent.

The Council discussed adding a full-time laborer. They would like to do that now, if the budget will allow for it. They would like to pay \$11-13/hr depending on experience with full benefits to start immediately. If the budget allows, advertise in the Benton Review and on Craigslist.

The Council discussed the salary of the Town Superintendent and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, and Deputy Marshal. They would like to see a significant raise for these positions. Ron Shoup suggested 1/2 now and 1/2 in January if the budget would allow. Kevin Burk would like to just start new salaries January 1. Doyle agreed to wait until January 1. Ron Shoup suggested that the Council, Town Marshal, and Clerk-Treasurer just get a flat \$500 increase for 2016. Doyle and Leon agreed if the budget allowed. Kevin agreed to Town Marshal and Clerk-Treasurer but does not agree to the Council getting a raise. In regards to part-time deputy marshals \$0.50/hr. This is just what the Council would like to see if the budget can support it. Treeva will let them know once she works the budgets.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Ron Shoup made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015 6:00 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with all members present.

Kevin Burk read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$47,072.80. Leon McKinney made the motion to approve the claims for payment. Ron Shoup seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mike Turchi with BF&S went over the draft WWT Planning report. He will have the final Report ready for adoption at the August 4, 2015 meeting.

Utility Superintendent Billy Walker announced that he will be flushing hydrants beginning the first week in August. He informed the Council that the stationary generator for the water plant would cost \$38,120 and does not include wiring, installation or the pad for it to sit on.

Town Superintendent Seth Humphreys updated the Council on what he has been working on and what he plans to do in the next couple of weeks. He spoke with Council regarding the possibility of extra millings. He still has to finish a few alleys and then take care of the area in which they are currently stored, but feels there will be some left. He has had several residents requesting some. The Council is fine with sharing with residents on a first come, first serve basis; however, Seth is to deliver a backhoe bucket to the property and that is it, he is not to spread it for the resident.

Town Marshal George Frantz brought up a complaint regarding the private drive to Alliance Bank off of Meadow Street. The complaint is that it is hard to pull out onto Meadow due to tree/shrub blocking the view. George brought up that we do not have a line of sight ordinance and secondly it is a private drive and therefore if we had an ordinance it wouldn't apply. The Council asked the Clerk's office to draft a letter to the property owner, nicely requesting them to trim the tree/shrubbery back. Outside of that, there is nothing the town can do; it is between the property owners.

George showed the Council pictures of the property at 211 W Oxford Street. The Council requested a notice to abate be issued and 30 days to be given for clean up.

Lastly, George brought up some complaints received regarding Hancock Street between Meadow and First Streets. There is currently parking on both sides of the street which is causing a problem for traffic getting through. With vehicles parked on both sides of street it would stop emergency vehicles from getting down that street. The Council feels like there are more streets in town with the same problem. They would like more streets looked at before taking any action.

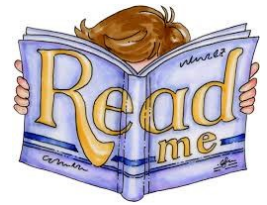
Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles informed the Council, upon review of the 2015 budget, the council can adjust some budget lines to make room for a full-time laborer. If they are willing to adjust some lines, then she will post the position. They unanimously agreed to proceed with the posting.

Mallory Redlin, with the attorney's office, was present and presented an ordinance regarding junk and junk cars on private property within the town. The Council reviewed and made some corrections and had some additional questions that needed researched. She then presented the revised Personnel Handbook. After a lengthy review and just a few adjustments, she will bring the final version for adoption at the August 4, 2015 meeting.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Doyle Allison made the motion to adjourn at 7:56 PM. Ron Shoup seconded the motion and all were in favor.



Library News



- **Book Sale Saturday, Aug 1st at 11:00 am**- While you are checking out all the garage sales in Otterbein on Saturday, August 1st, be sure to stop by the library from 11-3pm for the first day of our book sale! Lots of great items are available including a public auction for office surplus (monitors and printers). The book sale will continue through August 8th, don't miss it.
- **Every Tuesday morning from 10:30 am, (half hour before library opens) Mother Goose on the Loose Story time** - Join us for nursery rhymes, music, stories, and more. This award winning program is designed for ages birth to 3 years and is wonderful tool for early development like fine motor skills, self-confidence, and exposure to new words and sounds.
- **Library Board Meeting - Tuesday, Aug 11th at 7:00 pm** - The second Tuesday of each month. Open for the public to attend.
- **Bicentennial Meeting - Tuesday, Aug 11th at 7:00 pm** - Are you interested in helping with Indiana's upcoming 200th Birthday? Benton County has a planning committee and we will meet on Wednesday August 26th at 1:00pm in the library's meeting room. A small lunch will be provided, we will discuss the torch bearer nominations and legacy projects. Please let Lauren know if you will be attending the meeting or would like to help
- **September 8th at 4:30pm** - Prophetstown State Park History, Tecumseh, and Native Americans. An awesome after school program for the entire family. Come to the library to learn the history of our State park and how natives used the areas' natural habitat. Presented by Angie Manuel, the interpreter for Prophetstown. Let us know if you are planning on coming, we need a head count. Bring a friend!
- For more information call Lauren Lee (Programs Coordinator) at the Otterbein Public Library. 583-2107 or on the web at **www.opl.lib.in.us**



Otterbein United Methodist Church

Free Family Carnival

Sunday, September 13th from 1pm-4pm.

Fun, Games, Food, Music...and so much more!

You will not want to miss it, everyone is welcome!



The Otterbein United Methodist Church has a community garden located behind the church.

Feel free to come and pick as you wish